



California Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Severe Weather**  
**Flash Flooding, Southern California**  
**September 8, 2014 at 1330 hours**

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**SITUATION UPDATE:**

**Activations**

- Riverside County EOC is activated at Level 1.
- Cal OES Southern Region EOC is activated at Level 2.

**SITUATION OVERVIEW:**

**Riverside County**

Riverside County Fire Dept. Office of Emergency Services staff are currently collecting situational updates from cities, special districts, Tribes and other partners within the Operational Area to determine situation status and any needs.

- Thousand Palms:
  - Animal Shelter will not be accepting animals today due to roads to the animal shelter are impassable. Riv. Co. Animal Services working on drafting press release.
  - Minor to moderate damage is being reported; additional information is being gathered.
- City of Riverside:
  - 13 customers without power
  - Minor to moderate damage to several parks in City
  - Flood channel near Ryan Bonaminio Park has sustained damage
- City of La Quinta
  - Minor damage throughout the city

**Road Closures**

- No major route closures at this time.
- Local road closures: <http://www.rctlma.org/trans/>

**Schools**

- Desert Sands Unified: Adams Elementary School was evacuate due to water in electrical room; school must be closed due to lack of power; students evacuated via school buses to District Office to be re-united with parents.

**Weather Briefing/Forecast**

The remnants of what was Hurricane Norbert continue to meander slowly northward off the coast of Baja California. The now post-tropical cyclone is currently forecast to approach the Baja coast late Tuesday (9/9) and Wednesday (9/10). Meanwhile, extensive tropical moisture is in

place across the desert southwest with widespread showers and slow-moving thunderstorms (some with very heavy and prolonged rainfall) over AZ, mainly southern NV and southern CA. These showers and thunderstorms may very well continue off and on through at least Wednesday. Flash flood watches and/or warnings are in effect for much of this region. In addition to heavy precipitation at times over the desert southwest, coastal areas are concerned about elevated surf, strong rip currents and possible minor tidal flooding during high tides.

**Expected Impacts:**

· **Coastal Impacts:**

- Waves and surf 3-6 feet with local sets 8 feet along south facing beaches from Ventura County southward to and including San Diego County.
- Rip currents: Extensive rip currents along with the waves and surf will make for dangerous swimming and surfing conditions.
- Flooding: Local minor flooding of low-lying areas possible during high tides

**Precipitation Amounts:**

Precipitation amounts will be highly variable across the region. Higher terrain over southern CA and the southeast CA deserts may see as much as 1-3" through Wednesday (9/10) with much lesser amounts reaching coastal areas as far west as Ventura, CA.

**Current Weather Watches and Warnings**

- Flash Flood Warnings are in effect until 1400 hours today for portions of San Diego and Riverside Counties.
- Flash Flood Warnings are in effect until 1615 hours today for portions of San Bernardino and Inyo Counties.
- Flash Flood Watches are in effect through this evening for portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego and Inyo Counties.

**Cal OES Actions**

County Warning Points continue to be briefed by the California State Warning Center as severe weather products issued by NWS Weather Forecast Offices evolve.

There are no unmet needs or requests for State assistance at this time.